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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

**DONNA G. ALBERTSON, DANIEL PINKEL,
COLIN COLLINS, JOE W. GRAY and
BAUKE YSTRA**

Application No.: **09/285,292**

Filed: **04/02/1999**

For: **AMPLIFICATION OF CYP24 AND
USES THEREOF**

Examiner: A. Harris

Art Unit: 1642

AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2002 Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants note that a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) was granted on May 9, 2003 and the two-month period for filing an appeal brief runs from the date of that decision. Accordingly, the following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response **for five months; and**
- 2) A Request for Continued Examination;

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.